

capitalists, to full recognition as an organization and to bargain collectively for the sale of our labor power and the adjustment of working conditions.

We claim that the steady increase in the cost of living entitles us to the modest and reasonable advance in wages that we ask, so that our standard of living may not be too greatly reduced.

We insist upon the right to a voice in the number of hours that we shall labor so as to safeguard the health of the men in the mines and also furnish employment to such of our members who are voluntarily idle.

We demand to be heard in the matter of enforcing the introduction of safety appliances to reduce accidents in the mines. During the 10-year period of 1899 to 1910, inclusive, in the three anthracite districts alone, 6,553 men were killed and 12,368 injured, making a total of killed and injured of 18,921.

Conditions in the bituminous fields are equally as bad. Twenty thousand men were killed in the foregoing period and three times as many injured. At present about 300 men are killed annually.

The men of the mines furnish the greater portion of the light, heat and power of the world and therefore we have a right to expect as a matter of simple justice, that our men, women and children be permitted to enjoy a small share of this nation's wonderful social progress, that their burdens of toil may be lightened, their homes brightened and life be made more worth living.

I feel certain that the great heart of the American people beats in sympathy with the struggles of the 750,000 miners who are endeavoring not only to uplift themselves, but to assist in improving the conditions of mankind as a whole.

We ask a fair consideration of our claims on the part of all citizens who stand for a square deal, and are willing to abide by the result, feeling certain that public opinion, almost as a whole, will endorse our cause.

JOHN P. WHITE.

Somehow or other all the newspapers seem to play the soft pedal on the fight being made by the Republican Progressive ticket, with Walter C. Jones at its head. Yet that same crowd was strong enough with the people not long ago to beat the political machinists and nominate Merriman for mayor. And they are having big meetings in this campaign.

Personal.

Jack (quoting Hamlet)—If thou wilt needs marry, marry a fool.

Ethel—Oh, Jack, this is so sudden.—Boston Evening Transcript.

St. Petersburg will spend \$50,000,000 for a new waterworks and drainage system.